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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Janelle N. Young

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-8 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The application contains at least one process or method claim and drawings are not necessary for the understanding of the invention under 35 U.S.C 113 (first sentence). Examiner's objection to drawings and the 2 (two) month time period in office action filed October 06, 2006, have been withdrawn. All other objections and rejections remain. The shortened statutory period for reply is RESET to expire 3 month(s) or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication.

Specification

2. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet **within the range of 50 to 150 words**. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and **should not repeat information given in the title**. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The

disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

Applicant is reminded of the proper content of an abstract of the disclosure.

A patent abstract is a concise statement of the technical disclosure of the patent and should include that which is new in the art to which the invention pertains. If the patent is of a basic nature, the entire technical disclosure may be new in the art, and the abstract should be directed to the entire disclosure. If the patent is in the nature of an improvement in an old apparatus, process, product, or composition, the abstract should include the technical disclosure of the improvement. In certain patents, particularly those for compounds and compositions, wherein the process for making and/or the use thereof are not obvious, the abstract should set forth a process for making and/or use thereof. If the new technical disclosure involves modifications or alternatives, the abstract should mention by way of example the preferred modification or alternative.

The abstract should not refer to purported merits or speculative applications of the invention and should not compare the invention with the prior art.

Where applicable, the abstract should include the following:

- (1) if a machine or apparatus, its organization and operation;
- (2) if an article, its method of making;
- (3) if a chemical compound, its identity and use;
- (4) if a mixture, its ingredients;
- (5) if a process, the steps.

Extensive mechanical and design details of apparatus should not be given.

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the word "mobil" (page 2, line 8) is misspelled the word should read "mobile". The word "Telematik" (page 5, line 6) is misspelled the word should read "Telematic". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 9-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wilson et al. (US Patent 2004/0203903).

As for claim 9, Wilson et al. teaches a SIM card for operation with a terminal device of a mobile telecommunication network, comprising: the terminal device configured to only establish connections to fixed destination or source addresses, or both; the destination and source addresses permissible in connection with the SIM card are stored in a memory of the SIM card or in a database of the mobile communication network (Abstract; Page 3, Para 0047; Page 4, Para 0055 & 0062; Page 5, Para 0067; Page 9, Para 0108; Page 12, Para 0129; and Page 15, Para 0163).

As for claims 10 & 28-32, Wilson et al. teaches a SIM card for operation with a terminal device of a mobile telecommunication network, wherein said SIM card is designed as a Telematic SIM card and wherein the SIM card supports other services that are typically not understood to be Telematic services (Page 1, Para 0003-0004).

As for claims 11-12, Wilson et al. teaches a SIM card for operation with a terminal device of a mobile telecommunication network, wherein the destination and source addresses are phone numbers, URLs (Uniform Resource Locator) or APN's (Access Point Name) (Page 5, Para 0067; Page 6, Para 0077; and Page 14, Para 0155).

As for claims 13-16, Wilson et al. teaches a SIM card for operation with a terminal device of a mobile telecommunication network, wherein the SIM card only supports defined telecommunication services (Abstract; Page 12, Para 0129; and Page 15, Para 0163).

As for claims 17-21, Wilson et al. teaches a SIM card for operation with a terminal device of a mobile telecommunication network, wherein the mobile phone subscriber relationship associated with the SIM card can only be operated within a defined virtual private network (VPN) (Abstract; Page 12, Para 0129; and Page 15, Para 0163 with respect to Page 3, Para 0053).

As for claims 22-27, Wilson et al. teaches a SIM card for operation with a terminal device of a mobile telecommunication network, wherein the SIM card encompasses more than one different subscriber relationship, wherein the use of the SIM card is assigned according to the originator principle to the respective subscriber

relationship (Abstract; Page 2, Para 0045; Page 3, Para 0051; Page 4, Para 0056; Page 5, Para 0066; Page 9, Para 0104; Page 12, Para 0129; and Page 15, Para 0163).

Regarding claim 33, see explanation as set forth regarding claim 1 (device claim) because the claimed process/method for a SIM card for operation with a terminal device of a mobile telecommunication network would perform the device steps.


Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janelle N. Young whose telephone number is (571) 272-2836. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday: 8:30 am through 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on (571) 272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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